

10/582962

AP3 Rec'd PCT/PTO 15 JUN 2006

Docket No.: 064766-0017

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Hiroaki KONDO : Confirmation Number: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: Not Yet Assigned : Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
Filed: June 15, 2006 : Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
For: AUDIO COMPRESSION/DECOMPRESSION DEVICE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the application and no certification or fee is required.

A copy of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information. Please note this is a PCT application in the entry of the National Phase in the U.S. and copies of the references cited were transmitted by WIPO and are believed to be in the file of the above identified application and readily available to the Examiner. Therefore it is believed that Applicants have met all requirements regarding duty of disclosure under 37

10/582962

AP3 Rec'd PCT/PTO 15 JUN 2006

CFR 1.56. Acknowledgement and consideration of these documents are respectfully requested.

Since the Search Report was from the JPO search authorities, copies of these references should have been supplied to the USPTO under the trilateral agreement and are believed to be in the file of the above identified application and readily available to the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

McDERMOTT WILL & EMERY LLP

Michael E. Fogarty
Registration No. 36,139

**Please recognize our Customer No. 20277
as our correspondence address.**

600 13th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005-3096
Phone: 202.756.8000 MEF:sln
Facsimile: 202.756.8087
Date: June 15, 2006

10/582962

AP3 Rec'd PCT/PTO 15 JUN 2008

SHEET 1 OF 1

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION (PTO-1449)			ATTY. DOCKET NO. 064766-0017	SERIAL NO. Not Yet Assigned	
			APPLICANT Hiroaki KONDO		
			FILING DATE June 15, 2006	GROUP Not Yet Assigned	
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
EXAMINER'S INITIALS	CITE NO.	Document Number Number-Kind Code ₂ (<i>if known</i>)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
	US	5,438,643 A1	08/01/1995	KENZO, et al. Corresponds to JP 5-90973 A	
	US	5,754,666 A1	05/19/1998	NAKAGAWA Corresponds to JP 9-36685 A	
	US	5,812,970 A1	09/22/1998	CHAN, et al. Corresponds to JP 9-16194 A	
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
EXAMINER'S INITIALS	CITE NO.	Foreign Patent Document Country Codes-Number & Kind Codes (<i>if known</i>)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Figures Appear	Translation Yes No
		JP 63-300300 A	12/07/1988	NEC CORP.	
		JP 4-90615 A	03/24/1992	SONY CORP.	
		JP 4-72906 A	03/06/1992	SONY CORP.	
		JP 9-50300 A	02/18/1997	OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO., LTD.	
		JP 5-90973 A	04/09/1993	SONY CORP. Corresponds to US 5,438,643 A1	
		JP 9-36685 A	02/07/1997	NAKAGAWA Corresponds to US 5,754,666 A1	
		JP 6-85607 A	03/25/1994	ALPINE ELECTRONICS, INC.	
		JP 7-248798 A	09/26/1995	OKI ELECTRIC INDUSTRY CO., LTD.	
		JP 9-16194 A	01/17/1997	SONY CORP. Corresponds to US 5,812,970 A1	
OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)					
EXAMINER'S INITIALS	CITE NO.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.			
EXAMINER			DATE CONSIDERED		

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.